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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

ICPC Code Citation. RSA 170-A:1 to 170-A:6 (1973 Supp.).

Statutory Penalties Under Article IV. Placement may be revoked. Violation of RSA, or any regulation of the Division constitutes misdemeanor; each day of violation a separate offense. Director may file in court for injunctive relief, RSA 170:18 (1973 Supp.).

Age of Majority. 18 years. RSA 170-B:2 (1973 Supp.).

Court Jurisdiction. District Court: neglected, abused, CHINS (Children in need of services) and delinquent children, RSA 170-C:3 (1973 Supp.). Probate Court: termination of rights, adoptions, guardianships, RSA 170-B:11 (1973 Supp.). Superior Court: divorce, child support, custody, RSA 491:7 (1973 Supp.).

## **SPECIAL INFORMATION**

Notice. Importing agency must supply information regarding placement of Director of HHS and obtain approval.

Divorce Custody Cases. Requests for these studies and court order are sent to the Administrator, ICPC (two copies are preferred). The person(s) to be studied is sent a list of private agencies that do these studies on a fee basis; and hourly rate that varies. The report is sent directly to the requester.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

Reports. Required for New Hampshire children placed out-of-state.

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Licensing Requirements. To qualify for child caring license, home or facility must meet requirements of boards of health, fire department, and standards of Division. Health certificate required for agency personnel. RSA 170:19 (1973 Supp.).

## PLACEMENTS

Independent Adoptive Placements. Lawful, but a request for home study of the proposed adoptive family must be made to DCYS at least 30 days before placement. This request may be made by the adoptive family or their attorney. This does not necessarily mean that the adoption study has to actually be done.

Adoption Petition. Six-month residency requirement for petitioner or child except where child is in legal care of New Hampshire DHHS or other licensed child placing agency in New Hampshire. RSA 170-B:11 (1973 Supp.). Minimum time between time between petition and final decree –x months unless petitioner is a stepparent where final decree may be issued at conclusion of hearing or petition. RSA 170-B:12 (1973 Supp.). Petition to be filed within 30 days of placement, except for relative adoptions, RSA 170-B12 (1973 Supp.).

### Residential Placements.

-Placements Requiring Interstate Approval: All placements into N.H. governed by the Compact require prior approval by the DCYS. When the child caring resource is already known by the Division, verbal approval may be given followed by paper work.

-Requirements for Placements: ICPC-100As and two copies of summary on children. Summary needs to be insufficient detail to make a meaningful evaluation of resource being considered.

-Approval of Facilities: All child caring facilities must be licensed by the DCYS CRDA 170-E).

-Rate Setting: AFDC-FC rate determined by Division. Towns and counties set their own rates. Child care facilities determine their own rates.

-Monitoring of the Child: Agency in N.H. agreeing to supervise monitors the child in own home and foster home. Group facilities and sending agency monitor their children.

-Philosophy for Placement of Non-Resident Youth: Children placed in N.H. under terms of the Compact are eligible for the same social services a resident receives.

## PAYMENTS

AFDC Payments. Are made on behalf of children placed with relatives in N.H. Custody of child is not a consideration.

Medicaid Payments. A child eligible for Medicaid in N.H. retains eligibility when placed out of state. Medical provider (doctor, hospital, etc.) has to be an “enrolled provider,” i.e., approved by the N.H. Bureau of Medical Services.

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Foster Care Payments. AFDC-FC paid by N.H. for children placed out of state. If child is not eligible for AFDC, legal liable unit (town or county) pays board and care. In-state rated are paid for out-of-state placements.

Adoption Subsidy. May be paid to out-of-state families for N.H. children.

Special Education Payments. Are the responsibility of sending state. There are exceptions which are determined on a case by case basis.

### USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Child Abuse Hotline. None. Registry in the Division of Children and Youth Services. (603) 271-4387.

Juvenile Compact Office. Same as ICPC office. Linda Bombaci, DCA, (603) 271-4708.

Mental Health Compact Office. Division of Mental Health and Development Services. (603) 271-4681